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SUBJECT: DROP IN IMMIGRATION TO SOUTH AFRICA

1. FIGURES RECENTLY RELEASED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATISTICS SHOW THAT FOR THE FIRST TIME IN RECENT MEMORY MORE PEOPLE ARE LEAVING SOUTH AFRICA THAN ARRIVING. DURING THE FIRST FIVE MONTHS OF 1977, SOUTH AFRICA SUFFERED A NOT LOSS OF 4463 PEOPLE, COMPARED TO A GAIN OF 7738 DURING THE SAME PERIOD IN 1976. THE MARGIN OF EMIGRANTS OVER IMMIGRANTS IS STILL GROWING.

2. MINISTER OF IMMIGRATION A.L. SCHLEBUSCH ATTRIBUTED THE REVERSAL IN IMMIGRATION TRENDS TO THE ECONOMIC SLUMP RATHER THAN THE POLITICAL SITUATION. ACCORDING TO SCHLEBUSCH, THE UNEMPLOYMENT SITUATION HAS CAUSED HIS DEPARTMENT TO REFUSE THOUSANDS OF APPLICATIONS FOR IMMIGRATION, WHILE AT THE SAME TIME THE NUMBER OF PERSONS LOSING JOBS IN SOUTH AFRICA AND
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SEEKING EMPLOYMENT OVERSEAS HAS INCREASED.

3. COMMENT: WHILE THE ADVERSE ECONOMIC SITUATION IS CERTAINLY A CONTRIBUTORY FACTOR IN THE NEW IMMIGRATION-EMIGRATION TREND, EMBASSY SOUNDINGS INDICATE THAT AT LEAST IN THE CASE OF EMIGRANTS, POLITICAL FACTORS HAVE OFTEN BEEN OF GREATER SIGNIFICANCE. MANY SOUTH AFRICANS LEAVE THE COUNTRY OUT OF

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THE CONVICTION THAT THEIR CHILDREN WILL FIND A SAFER AND MORE
PEACEFUL FUTURE ELSEWHERE.
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